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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3731

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 101.0042-05000  
Customer No. 22882

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D.	)	Confirmation No. 7210
Serial No.: 10/098,683	)	
Filed: March 15, 2002	)	
For: SPINAL IMPLANT CONTAINING	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Amendment 4-16-04